instrumentality is created/set up by a statute or an instrument for performance of functions specified therein. The status of the employees of an instrumentality is invariably determined by the provisions of the concerned statute or instrument by which it is created.

Instrumentalities Formed by Government

843. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formed many societies and instrumentalities to divide its diversified works;

(b) if so, Ministry-wise details of such instrumentalities; and

(c) whether rules and regulations framed by these societies etc. can be at variance with Government's rules and regulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) An Instrumentality is created/set up for performance of functions specified in the statute or charter of its constitution.

(b) The information is not centrally maintained.

(c) With the approval of the competent authority, an instrumentality can make its own rules or adopt the rules of the Central Government fully or with suitable amendments, as may be permissible within the legal framework.

Re-Opening of 'HAWALA' Case

844. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the observation of the Central Vigilance Commission that the Jain Hawala case in which all the accused have been discharged by the

designated court might be reopened as reported in the Business Standard dated 5th February, 2000; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaosns therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There has been no disclosure of any new material on the basis of which the case could be re-opened by the CBI at this stage.

Loss suffered by IOC

845. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has suffered a loss as its Panipat refinery will be fully operational after running 22 months behind schedule;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a thorough probe has been made to study and evaluate the working schedule in this context;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(e) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) The crude Distillation Unit of 6.0 Million Metric Tonnes Per Annual (MMTPA) capacity Panipat Refinery of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) commenced trial operation from May 1998 versus the schedule of July 1997. All major secondary processing units were progressively commissioned by April 1999. Refinery is fully operational presently.

(c) and (d) Delay in the completion of refinery versus the schedules was mainly due to delay in supply of certain equipments by equipment suppliers, delay in execution of contracts by certain